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H. R. 3950

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a combat artillery badge to recognize combat service by members of the Army in the artillery branch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Mr. ROHRABACHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The field artillery is one of the oldest and
6 most celebrated of the Army's combat arms.

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2 success in the “War to end all Wars,” World War
3 I.

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6 States achieve victories in Europe, Africa, and the
7 Pacific. General George S. Patton Jr. remarked, “I
8 do not need to tell you who won the war. You know
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10 (4) The field artillery continued to play a role
11 in military actions in Korea, Vietnam, and the Per-
12 sian Gulf and it remains critical to today’s military
13 efforts.

14 (5) Despite the past heroic efforts of the mem-
15 bers of the Army who served in the field artillery,
16 there is no badge specifically recognizing the con-
17 tribution of field artillerymen.

18 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMBAT ARTILLERY BADGE.**

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20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing new section:

22 **“§ 3757. Combat artillery badge**

23 “(a) The Secretary of the Army shall issue a combat
24 artillery badge to each person who, while a member of the
25 Army in the artillery branch, participated in combat after

1 April 5, 1917. Criteria for the issuance of the medal shall
2 be established by the Secretary and shall be as similar as
3 practicable for the issuance of the combat infantry badge
4 to persons in the infantry branch.

5 “(b) In the case of persons who, while a member of
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8 of this section, the Secretary shall issue the badge de-
9 scribed in subsection (a)—

10 “(1) to each such person who is known to the
11 Secretary before such date of enactment; and

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